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ELECTION

Sir:

In response to the Restriction of February 11, 2004, the shortened statutory period for response to which ends after March 11, 2004, Applicants elect without traverse the claims of group I, namely, claims 3-6, 13, 14, 17, 19, 21, 25-27, 38, 41, 48, 51, and 71-82.

Respectfully submitted,

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